

**Amendment(s) to the Specification:**

Please replace the Abstract of the invention with the following replacement Abstract:

A halogen incandescent lamp comprising a transparent sealed bulb (2), a gas filling comprising an inert gas and a halogen additive, a luminous element (4) which is attached to a current supply system (7, 8, 9) extending in a pinched portion (3) of the bulb, and a mount (5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) extending from at least near the outside of the pinched portion (3) into the bulb (2) and ~~comprising~~ including at least one metal support wire (5) which retains the luminous element (4) in the vicinity of the end of the bulb (2) remote from the pinched portion (3), wherein the mount (5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) ~~comprises~~ includes a non-conducting part (9, 10; 12) such that the outer end of the part (11; 12) of the mount (5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) at or near the outside of the pinched portion (3) and the support wire (5) are electrically insulated from each other.

Fig. 4a